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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 8, 2004, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating acceptance of the drawings. Applicants also thank the Examiner for acknowledging Applicants' claim for foreign priority and receipt of the certified priority document.

Claims 1-30 are all the claims pending in the application. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5, 8, 9, 13, 16-19, 22, 23, 27 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Netzer (U.S. Patent 5,870,607). Claims 11 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Netzer in view of Testardi (U.S. Patent 6,249,882). Claims 14-15 and 28-29